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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

This is a petition for extension of one month time for response, made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), for a total period ending May 31, 1997. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith. *WQ*

Applicant is other than a small entity. A check in the amount of \$110 payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is enclosed herewith for the required extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 01-0477. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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